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RURAL SANITATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis for the allocation of funds to States under Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) the funds allocated during 2002-2003 under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) whether despite more than five decades of independence only 16 to 20% of the rural households in the country has been covered by sanitation programme under Central Rural Sanitation Programme:

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which all the households in the rural areas are likely to be covered by the sanitation programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI. ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL)

(a) & (b): The Central Rural Sanitation Programme was restructured in 1999 andTotal Sanitation Campaign (TSC) has been introduced, which is a demand-driven Programme. The Allocation Based Programme was phased out w.e.f. 31-3-2002. Hence, there will be no State-wise allocation of funds from 2002-2003 onwards. However, Total Sanitation Campaign will be continued in the identified districts throughout the country. During the current financial year Rs.165 crore has been earmarked for the Programme.

(c) & (d): Despite the acceleration in implementation of the Rural SanitationProgramme the total sanitation coverage stood at about 20 percent of the total rural households. The major factors contributing to lower coverage are (a) high priority for construction of latrines and low priority for Information, Education and Communication(IEC) (b) promotion of a single model i.e. standard Twin Pit Pour flush latrines (c) heavy reliance on subsidy (d) inadequate participation of the beneficiaries, NGO and Private Sector, and (e) non involvement of community based Institutions etc..

(e): Keeping in view the experience gained in the implementation of the Programme, the Programme was restructured in 1999. Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) has beenintroduced, which is being implemented as a demand-driven Programme. States have to formulate project proposals for getting the funding sanctions from the Government of India. Under the TSC entire identified district is targeted for implemention of Rural Sanitation. So far 185 projects are sanctioned under the TSC.The duration of the TSCprojects would be 3-4 years. It is estimated that with the implementation of TSC the sanitation coverage will be increased.